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Simplification of the definition of 'excepted temple' in the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

*1183 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the question of simplifying the definition of 'excepted temple' in section 9 (5) of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926, has been decided upon by the Government; and

(b) if so, with what result?

A.—(a) & (b) The question of simplifying the definition of 'excepted temple' in section 9 (5) of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926, is engaging attention, but the final form of the definition has not yet been settled.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"May I know, Sir, for how long this question has been under consideration?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"Since the amendment of the Religious Endowments Act was taken up."

Town-planning

Statement showing the town-planning and town improving schemes sanctioned by Government.

*1184 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to place before the Council a statement showing—

(a) the various town-planning and town-improvement schemes sanctioned by Government in various parts of the Presidency under section 14 of the Town-Planning Act;

(b) the approximate cost of each of them;

(c) how each has been financed, whether by means of loans borrowed from Government or out of the revenue of any municipality;

(d) how far each one of them has been carried out;

(e) how far each has been successful; and

(f) if so, how?

A.—(a) to (d) No town-improvement schemes have been sanctioned by Government. A statement[a] showing the particulars required in respect of town-planning schemes is appended.

(e) & (f) The Government have no information.

Mr. K. R. Karant:—"Are the Government aware that the working of the Act is unsatisfactory?"

The hon. the President:—"It is asking for opinion."

Mr. K. R. Karant:—"May I know whether the Act has been properly worked?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"It is again a matter of opinion."

[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 425-426 infra.